DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES 744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-91-82

TO: ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCIES

SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS, ADOPTION PLACEMENT SERVICES

RELINQUISHMENT PROGRAM QUARTERLY STATISTICAL REPORT FORM AD56-C

REFERENCE: DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES STATISTICAL MANUAL SECTION 26.618

All County Information Notice I-26-82, dated March 3, 1982, informed all public and private adoption agencies that the Adoption Placement Services Relinquishment Program Quarterly Statistical Report Form AD56-C and reporting instructions had been revised.

The purpose of this notice is to clarify what should be reported in the categories of long-term foster care and guardianship, Items 13C(2)(a) and (b) on the quarterly statistical report. Attached is a copy of the new, more detailed reporting instructions for those items.

Questions concerning the reporting instructions should be directed to the Statistical Services Branch, Ms. Nancy Long at (916) 323-6156 or (ATSS) 473-6156.

JAMES H. GOMEZ Deputy Director Administration

Attachment

cc: CWDA

13c. Legally Free

Enter the number of children awaiting placement at the end of the quarter for whom all necessary documents have been taken or for whom it has been determined that no action is necessary. Children whom the agency has determined to be not adoptable must be included in this count if the necessary documents have been filed with the SDSS even though the children have been transferred to the care and supervision of another agency or another unit of the reporting agency. This count will also include children who were returned from adoptive homes during the quarter (Item 8) unless they were placed in another adoptive home before the end of the quarter. This item will be the sum of Items 13c(1) and (2).

NOTE: Do not report a child as legally freed for adoption until you have sent certified copies of the signed relinquishment documents or notice in lieu of relinquishment to SDSS Adoptions Branch and have received an acknowledgement of filing of the documents (Form AD-35).

(1) Number of children for whom adoptive homes are being actively sought.

Enter the number of children for whom adoptive homes are being actively sought at the end of the quarter.

- (2) Number of children for whom adoptive homes are not being actively sought:
 - (a) Number of children in long-term foster care.

Enter the number of children who are legally free, for whom adoption is not the current plan, and whose foster parents are not their legal guardians. This category may include children for whom the adoption agency has been named guardian.

(b) Number of children under guardianship.

Enter the number of legally free children in a foster care placement, for whom adoption is not the current plan, and for whom guardianship has been granted to their foster parents pursuant to Section 1540, et. seq., of the Probate Code. This category includes children who might be temporarily placed in a group home or in another similar placement if the foster parent's guardianship has not been dismissed. Do not include in this category those children who are under the adoption agency's guardianship only, as a result of a court action taken pursuant to 232 and 239 of the Civil Code.